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SUBJECT: UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES  
(UNFPA): ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM

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1. SUMMARY: REFTEL REPORTED THAT VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT HAD REQUESTED UNFPA ASSISTANCE FOR "POPULATION DISTRIBUTION" PROGRAM AND THAT UNFPA WAS SENDING A MISSION TO VIETNAM TO DISCUSS HOW UNFPA COULD BEST MEET THE REQUEST. MISSION HAS NOW RETURNED AND UNFPA HAS DEVELOPED A PROJECT WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN JUNE. UNFPA REQUESTS OUR REACTIONS TO THE PROJECT. END SUMMARY.

2. UNFPA NOW HAS COMPLETED ITS STAFF WORK AND HAS DEVELOPED A \$7.8 MILLION PROJECT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A FIVE-YEAR, \$15 MILLION UNFPA PROGRAM FOR VIETNAM. UNFPA REPS (LED BY ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SADIK) CALLED ON AMBASSADOR WELLS ON 24 FEBRUARY TO DESCRIBE THE PROPOSED PROJECT, WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR GOVERNING COUNCIL APPROVAL IN JUNE, 1978. UNFPA IS ALERT TO POSSIBLE CONCERNS OF MAJOR DONORS REGARDING UNFPA PARTICIPATION IN ANY POPULATION DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM WHICH

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COULD BE CONSIDERED COERCIVE.

3. THE UNFPA REPS REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE THE MOST EXPLICIT CATEGORIC ASSURANCES FROM THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT THAT THE POPULATION DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM, KNOWN AS "ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ECONOMIC ZONES", IS A STRICTLY VOLUNTARY ONE. THE UNFPA REPS ADVISE THAT THEIR OWN FIELD

ASSESSMENT CONFIRMS THIS. MOREOVER, THE PARTICULAR ZONE IN WHICH UNFPA WILL WORK IS CLOSE TO HO CHI MINH CITY AND CAN BE EASILY MONITORED BY UNFPA. ABOUT 500,000 OF THE 700,000 PEOPLE TO BE SETTLED ARE ORIGINALLY FROM THE ZONE ITSELF.

4. UNFPA INPUTS WOULD INCLUDE SUPPORT FOR MCH/FAMILY PLANNING CENTERS, RESEARCH ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ZONE AND TO IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS, FINANCIAL HELP TO THE MIGRANTS DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THEIR RESETTLEMENT, AND MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO BRING THE SETTLERS TO THE ZONE. THE UNFPA REPS ADVISE THAT THE INPUTS ARE WITHIN THE ACCEPTED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MANDATE OF UNFPA.

5. UNFPA WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OUR REACTIONS TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT, WHICH APPARENTLY IS STILL NOT FIXED IN ALL ITS DETAILS AND COMPONENTS. ADVISE. YOUNG

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